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MEMORANDUM FOR

ARGO Steering Committee

SUBJECT: Agenda for January Meeting

The ARGO Steering Committee will meet from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 pm in Room 208, EOB, on January 13, 1970. I hope you will attend.

We are planning that the agenda for this meeting will be composed of the following items:

1. NOAA briefing on the utilization of the U-2 photography of the Sierra Nevada snow fields to include:

- a. strengths and weaknesses of the coverage
- b. accuracy of information using the U-2 coverage and with conventional data
- c. costs of using the U-2 data
- d. value of the data in terms of decisions made to include reduction of flooding, water saved in reservoirs, etc.

2. Initiate action on a proposal by the U. S. G. S. to:

- a. secure authority to publish an unclassified index of the U-2 photography collected against ARGO requests and the coverage collected by the "Red Dot" color program;

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b. secure authority to standardize the classification of the U-2 photography by camera type since part of the photography is now classified secret and part is unclassified even though it was taken with the same type of camera;

c. have DIA resolve the classification of the vertical data record from the AN/APQ98 radar. The planimetric record is unclassified; vertical data^x furnished by Air Force is confidential but Army-furnished vertical data is unclassified. *x [DOD/DIA classified this aspect]*

3. Discuss the formation of an ad hoc group to publish a report delineating the civil agency requirements which can be met with the KH-4 DISIC frame camera [REDACTED]

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It is intended that the report would address the need for color film in these camera systems and the advantages to be gained if the coverage from these systems of the United States could be unclassified. The high altitude aircraft capability should also be considered.

I have attached for your information the following reports which I believe will be of interest to you:

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